

## Fact Sheet:

Division of Developmental Disabilities  
Waiver Plan

*This **Fact Sheet** provides  
an overview of the  
Division of Developmental  
Disabilities' CMS Waivers*

**Background and Status of Previous Waiver (CAP)**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 2002 review of the Division's Community Alternatives Program (CAP) waiver raised a variety of issues concerning management and operation of the waiver.

**Four New Home and Community Based (HCBS) Waivers**

To address the issues cited by CMS, the Department now offers services under four targeted waivers – *Basic, Basic Plus, Core* and *Community Protection* - each with specific limits on benefits, services and enrollees. All of the waivers are at capacity enrollment.

**Waiver Eligibility**

- The individual is a client of DDD.
- The individual has a disability according to criteria established in the Social Security Act.
- The individual's gross income does not exceed 300 percent of the SSI benefit amount, and the individual's resources do not exceed \$2,000. Parental income is not considered for children.
- The individual needs the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR).
- A Plan of Care (POC) has been prepared, which shows how the individual's health, safety and habilitation needs will be met in the community.
- The individual has agreed to accept home and community-based services as an alternative to institutional services.

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Basic Waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The individuals on this waiver live with family or in their own homes.</li></ul>
Targeting Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They have a strong natural support system.</li><li>• The family/caregiver's ability to continue caring for the individual is at risk, but can be continued with the addition of services provided in the Basic Waiver.</li><li>• The individual does not need out-of-home residential services.</li></ul>
Basic Plus Waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individuals on this waiver require a higher level of services than those in the Basic Waiver and/or they require nursing services.</li></ul>
Targeting Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The individuals on this waiver live with family or in another setting with assistance and are at <u>high</u> risk of out-of-home placement or loss of current living situation.</li><li>• Individuals may live in an adult family home or adult residential care facility.</li></ul>
Core Waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The individuals on this waiver are at <u>immediate</u> risk of out-of-home placement or are receiving residential habilitation services from a DDD contracted residential provider.</li></ul>
Targeting Criteria	
Community Protection Waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individuals on this waiver meet the DDD criteria for "community protection".</li></ul>
Targeting Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Require 24-hour, on-site staff supervision to ensure the safety of others; and</li><li>• Require therapies and/or other habilitation services; and</li><li>• Agree to receive services from a certified Community Protection Supported Living provider.</li></ul>

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### Waiver Services and Yearly Limits

	Services	Yearly Limit
Basic Waiver	Behavior Management & Consultation Community Guide Environmental Accessibility Adaptations Specialized Medical Equipment/Supplies Occupational Therapy Specialized Psychiatric Services Physical Therapy Speech, Hearing and Language Services Staff/Family Consultation and Training Transportation	\$1425 per year on any combination
	Person to Person Supported Employment Community Access Pre-vocational Services	May not exceed \$6500 per year
	<u>Mental Health Stabilization Services:</u> Behavior Management and Consultation Mental health crisis diversion bed services Specialized Psychiatric Services Skilled nursing	Limits determined by Mental Health or DDD
	Personal Care	Limits determined by the CARE assessment
	Respite Care	Limits determined by respite assessment
	Emergency Assistance	\$6000 per year; pre-authorization required

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	Services	Yearly Limit
Basic Plus Waiver	Skilled Nursing and all of the general services in the Basic Waiver	\$6070 per year on any combination
	Person to Person Supported Employment Community Access Pre-vocational Services	May not exceed \$9500 per year In some situations, this limit may be increased to a maximum of \$19,000 based on assessed client need and only with prior authorization.
	Mental Health Stabilization Services: Behavior Management and Consultation Mental health crisis diversion bed services Specialized Psychiatric Services Skilled nursing	Limits determined by Mental Health or DDD
	Personal Care	Limits determined by the CARE assessment
	Respite Care	Limits determined by respite assessment
	Adult Foster Care (Adult Family Home) Adult Residential Care (Boarding Home)	Determined by department rate structure in CARE
	Emergency Assistance	\$6000 per year; pre-authorization required
Core Waiver	Residential Habilitation and all of the Basic Plus services except Emergency Assistance, Adult Family Home and Adult Residential Care services	Limited to the average cost of an ICF/MR for any combination of services necessary to meet assessed client need
Community Protection Waiver	All Core services except Personal Care, Respite, Community Guide, and Community Access. Note: some definitions differ in this waiver.	Limited to the average cost of an ICF/MR for any combination of services necessary to meet assessed client need. Residential services are offered only in DDD Certified Supported Living. Client must agree to Community Protection care plan.

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